

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 792

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Police Chief Jeff Hughes of the Brentwood Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Jeff Hughes of the Brentwood Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, after a thirty-six-year career with the City of Brentwood, Chief Hughes will take a much-deserved retirement on February 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, only the third police chief since the establishment of Brentwood in 1969, Chief Hughes has devoted nearly four decades of his life to public service and law enforcement in the Williamson County area; and

WHEREAS, carrying on a family tradition of service in law enforcement, Jeff Hughes follows in the footsteps of his grandfathers, one of whom served as a Williamson County deputy while the other was a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, a fourth-generation landowner in Fairview, Chief Hughes graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Middle Tennessee State University; he is also a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Hughes joined the Fairview Police Department as a 911 dispatcher in 1983 and was promoted to officer the following year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes began his illustrious career with the Brentwood Police Department in 1986; after serving for four years as a patrol officer, he was promoted to detective and subsequently worked in investigations for ten years; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Jeff Hughes was promoted into his first administrative role as a lieutenant; over the next twelve years, he worked his way through the ranks to become the assistant chief under former Police Chief Ricky Watson; and

WHEREAS, since attaining the rank of police chief in 2012, Chief Hughes has continued to serve the Brentwood Police Department and his fellow citizens with distinction as a strong leader and mentor to numerous officers; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Brentwood City Commission approved the city's largest capital project to date—a \$29 million, state-of-the-art police headquarters, which opened in April 2021, and the Brentwood Police Department has remained the most-tenured accredited agency in the State of Tennessee, as determined by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; in addition, the department has maintained an internationally recognized accredited status ten times, most recently in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes is a past president of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) and the 2019 recipient of the Joe Casey Award, which is the top law enforcement honor given annually in recognition of a chief of police who has distinguished himself in the TACP through their character, effort, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Police Department is dedicated to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, and under the commendable example set by Chief Jeff Hughes, the Tennessee Municipal League awarded Brentwood with its prestigious Excellence in Police Services Award in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jeff Hughes has performed his duties with professionalism and integrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way that he could and proving himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the Brentwood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Jeff Hughes has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Brentwood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Police Chief Jeff Hughes on his exemplary career with the Brentwood Police Department and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.